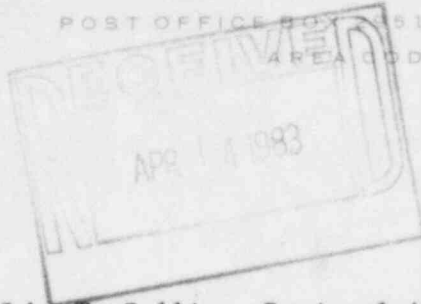




GULF STATES UTILITIES COMPANY

POST OFFICE BOX 151 • BEAUMONT, TEXAS 77704

AREA CODE 713 838-6631



April 8, 1983

RBG- 14,777

File Nos. G9.5, G9.25.1.1

Mr. John T. Collins, Regional Administrator
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region IV, Office of Inspection and Enforcement
611 Ryan Plaza Drive, Suite 1000
Arlington, Texas 76011

Dear Mr. Collins:

River Bend Station Unit 1
Docket No. 50-458
Final Report/DP-69

IE-27

On August 19, 1982, Gulf States Utilities Company (GSU) notified Region IV of a condition potentially reportable under 10CFR50.55(e) concerning the intermixing of E 308-16 welding electrodes with E 309-16 welding electrodes supplied by Chemetron Corporation (DR-69). GSU subsequently issued Interim Reports on September 17, 1982, October 26, 1982, and January 18, 1983.

All possible production uses of questionable rods were determined and these locations and configurations were evaluated. Any resulting weld made with E308-16 rod instead of E309-16 rod was found to satisfy the design criteria. GSU concludes that had this condition remained uncorrected it could not have adversely affected the safe operations of the plant and is therefore not reportable under 10CFR50.55(e). This concludes GSU's response on this subject.

Sincerely,

J. E. Booker
Manager-Engineering,
Nuclear Fuels & Licensing
River Bend Nuclear Group

8304190516 830408
PDR ADOCK 05000458
S PDR

JEB/PJD/kt

cc: Director of Inspection & Enforcement
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D. C. 20555
R. L. Brown (SRI)